

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

For example, when the serial communication apparatus 10, which is in an idle state (a state where the apparatus is not operating; during this period of time the input at the RxD terminal is at H level), inputs the serial data generated by the transmitting block 13 in another serial data communication apparatus, the receiving block 14 in the serial data communication apparatus 10 detects the trailing edge of the received serial data at the RxD terminal 12. At this time, the receiving block 14 acknowledges the detected trailing edge as the trailing edge of the start bit SB which shows the start of communication so that the receiving block 14 starts an internal receiving operation.